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In re Application of:

Vishram P. Dalvi Rodney R. Rozman

Application No.: 08/814,928

Filed: February 27, 1997

For: STATUS INDICATORS FOR FLASH MEMORY

Examiner:

Art Unit: 2511

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(c) TO ASSIGN EARLIER FILING DATE

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(c) that the above-referenced patent application be assigned a filing date of February 27, 1997. The Notice of Missing Parts shows an incorrect date of March 12, 1997. Applicants respectfully submit that the earlier filing date of February 27, 1997 should have been entered because Applicants complied with the Express Mail procedures under 37 C.F.R. §1.10.

Applicants submit herewith the following exhibits in support of this request:

Exhibit A: a photocopy of the postcard in the application with the Express Mail

number;

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On August 27, 1997

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Exhibit B: a photocopy of the title page of the application with the Express Mail mailing label number and date of deposit;

Exhibit C: a true photocopy of the Express Mail receipt in the application;

Exhibit D: Declaration and Statement of Facts by Cathy A. Kerr, who certifies that the above-captioned patent application was deposited with the United State Postal Service Express Mail Post Office to Addressee service on February 27, 1997; and

Exhibit E: An exemplary Express Mail label as used by the law firm representing applicant.

This petition is being filed promptly after the undersigned became aware from the Notice of Missing Parts that the U.S. Patent and Trademark office was according an incorrect filing date.

If any fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP

Dated: August 27, 1997

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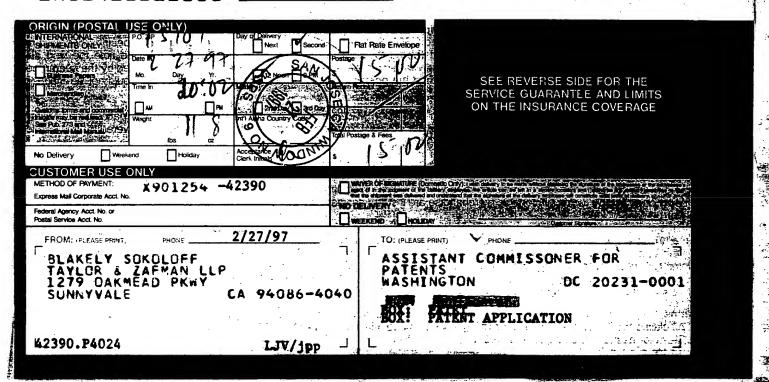
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DECLARATION AND STATEMENT OF FACTS

Sir:

- I, Cathy A. Kerr, hereby declare:
- 1. I am making this DECLARATION AND STATEMENT OF FACTS in connection with the above-captioned patent application ("the application").
- 2. I am a currently employed as a legal secretary at the firm of Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman (the "Firm"). I am a secretary for Lester J. Vincent who is an attorney at the firm of Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (Reg. No. 31,460).
- 3. I am familiar with the procedures of the Firm relating to the filing of Untied States patent applications using Express Mail. According to these procedures, an Express mail mailing label such as Exhibit E is used for filing Untied States patent applications. As Exhibit E shows, the "form" box, the "to" box, and the "method of



payment" box are pre-typed. According to the procedures, when a pre-typed label such as exhibit E is used for filing a patent application, the following information is added by typing or printing: 1) the responsible attorney's initials and /or name; 2) the initials of the secretary filling out the label; 3) the client number; 4) the matter number; 5) a Patent and Trademark Office box number, if applicable; and 6) the date of mailing. According to the procedures, any marks made by anyone at the Firm are made below the blue line on the Express Mail label that says "Customer Use Only." According to the procedures, no marks whatever are made by anyone at the Firm above the blue line in the boxes marked "Postal Use Only."

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- 2. On February 27, 1997, I prepared the above-identified patent application for filing according to the above-described procedures, along with the patent transmittal form, filing fee check, and acknowledgment postcard in order to Express Mail the application to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
- 3. As is standard office procedure, I wrote the Express Mail Label No. on the patent application cover page in the appropriate location on the Express Mail certificate. On the Express Mail certificate I also wrote in the date of mailing, which was February 27, 1997, and signed as the person who would be actually mailing the application. Exhibit B is an accurate copy of the title page of the application with the Express Mail mailing label number and date of deposit.
- 4. After Lester J. Vincent signed and dated the patent transmittal cover page and the check for the filing fee, all the documents were photocopied in order for us to have a complete copy of the application as filed. Before placing the patent application for filing in the Express Mail envelope, the complete package was reviewed in order to be certain that all pages of the application were included, all pertinent documents were signed, the check was included, and that the Express Mail

certificate was signed. The documents were then placed in an Express Mail envelope with Express Mail Label No. EM564113128US on it and the package sealed.

- 5. I then personally on February 27, 1997 carried the application with the Express Mail label to the Post Office on Lundy Avenue in San Jose, California. At the Post Office, I delivered the application with the Express Mail label to the Post Office clerk. The Post Office clerk wrote "February 27, 1997" on the top of the Express Mail label and then tore apart the different pages of the Express Mail label. Exhibit C is an accurate photocopy of the Express Mail label.
- 6. The postal clerk also stamped the same Express Mail receipt with a red stamp that read "SAN JOSE CA WINDOW NO. 6 USPS February 27, 1997" while I was at the post office window on February 27, 1997. That stamp can be seen on the photocopy of the Express Mail label that is attached as Exhibit C.
- 7. Exhibit A is an accurate photocopy of the postcard in the application with the Express Mail number.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under

Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from patent application number 08/814,928.

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